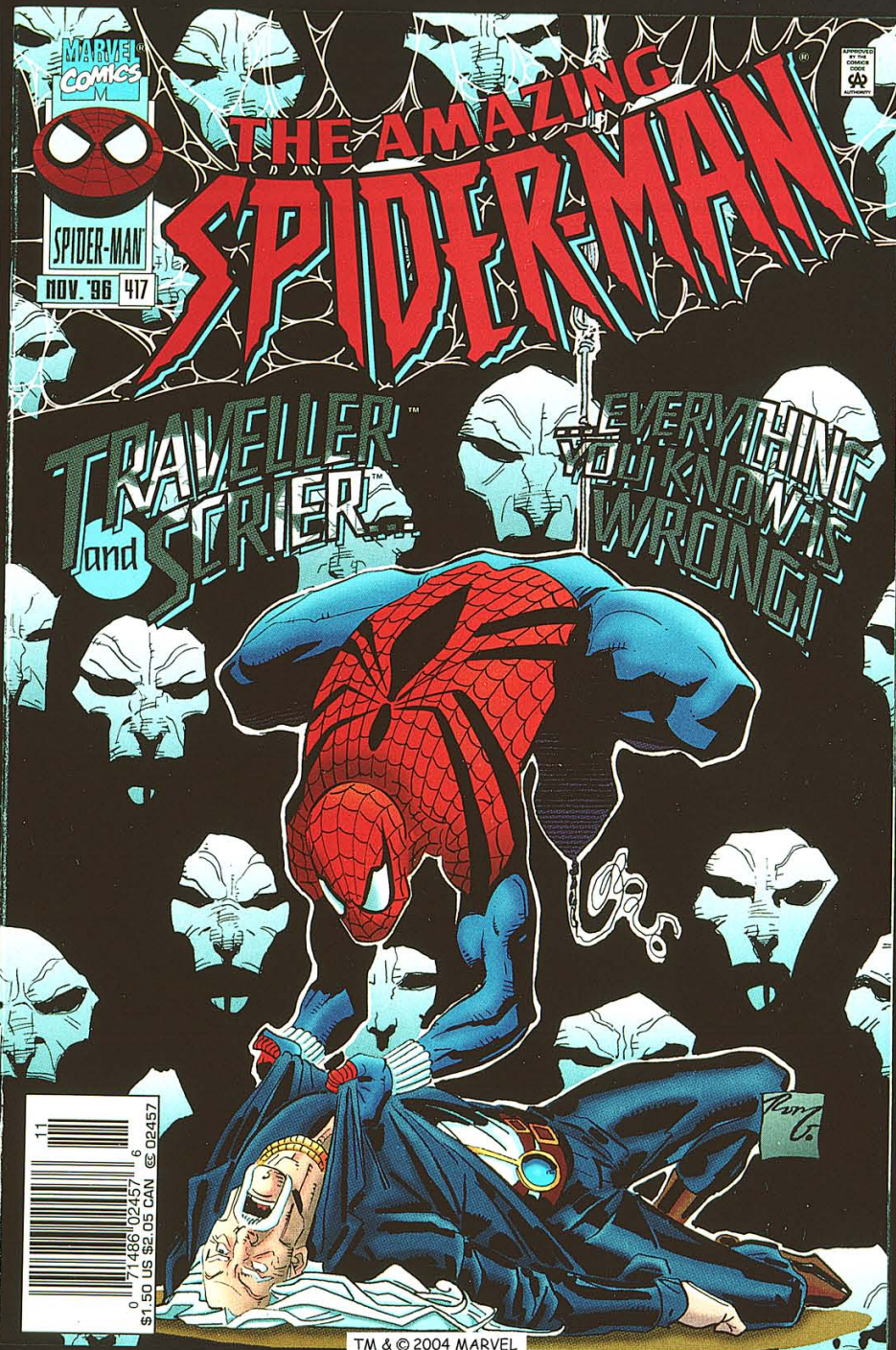
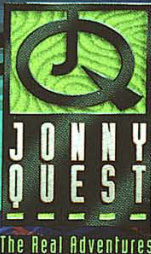
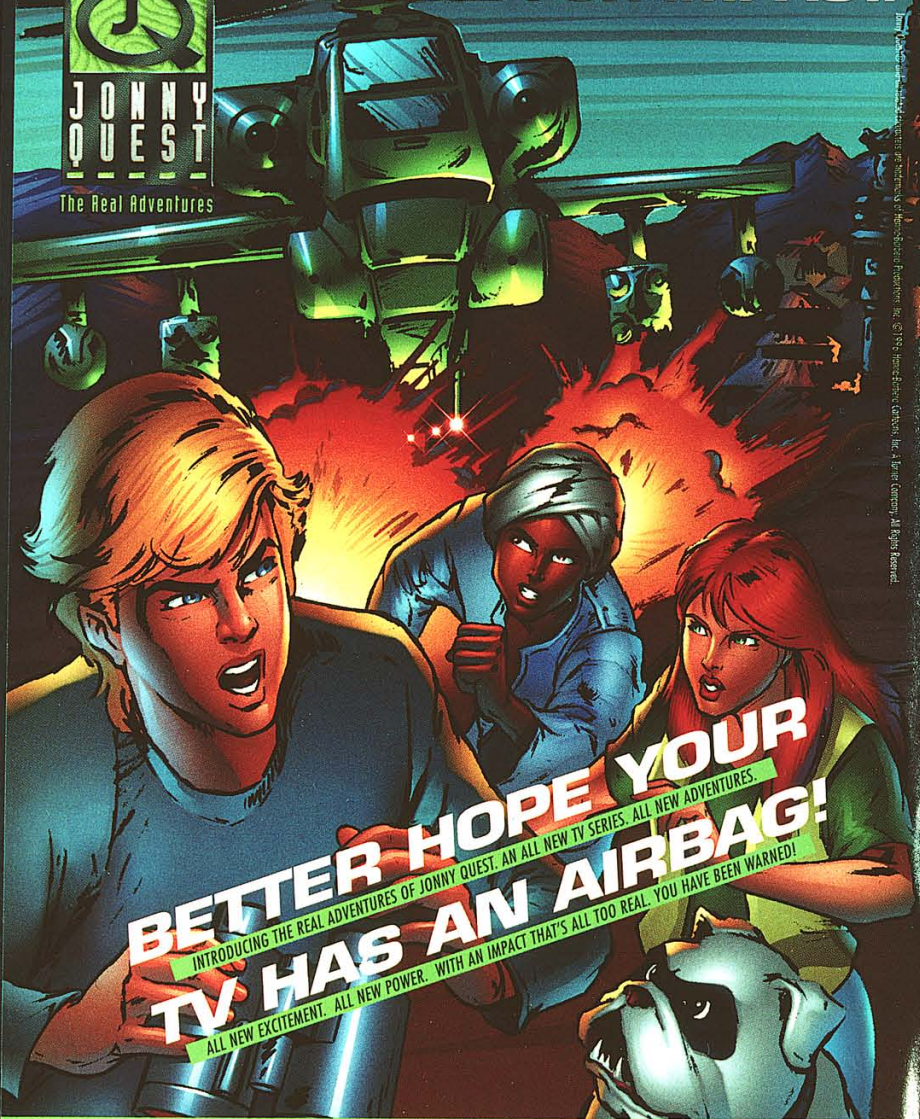






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I...I CAN'T TURN MY BACK ON JUDAS!

I WON'T ALLOW THAT... THAT **MONSTER**... TO IMPRISON AND TORTURE HIM!

IT AIN'T LIKE YOU GOT A LOT OF CHOICE, GIRL!

WRONG, MEDEA!



YOU AND BOONE MAY BE THE **WARRIORS** OF THE TEAM WE ONCE SHARED, BUT I AM HARDLY **DEFENSELESS!**

AND I SHALL FIND A WAY TO **FREE** TRAVELLER!



BLAST THAT **WITCH!**

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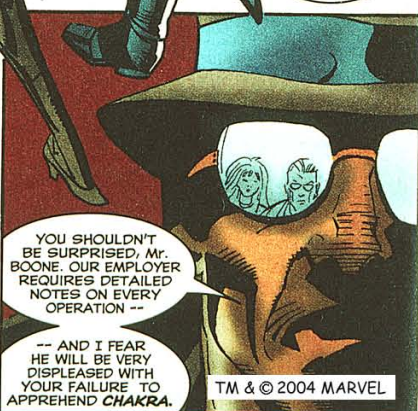
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MEDEA, YOU CAN KISS MY --

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DIDN'T NOTICE YOU IN THE SHADOWS, NACHT.



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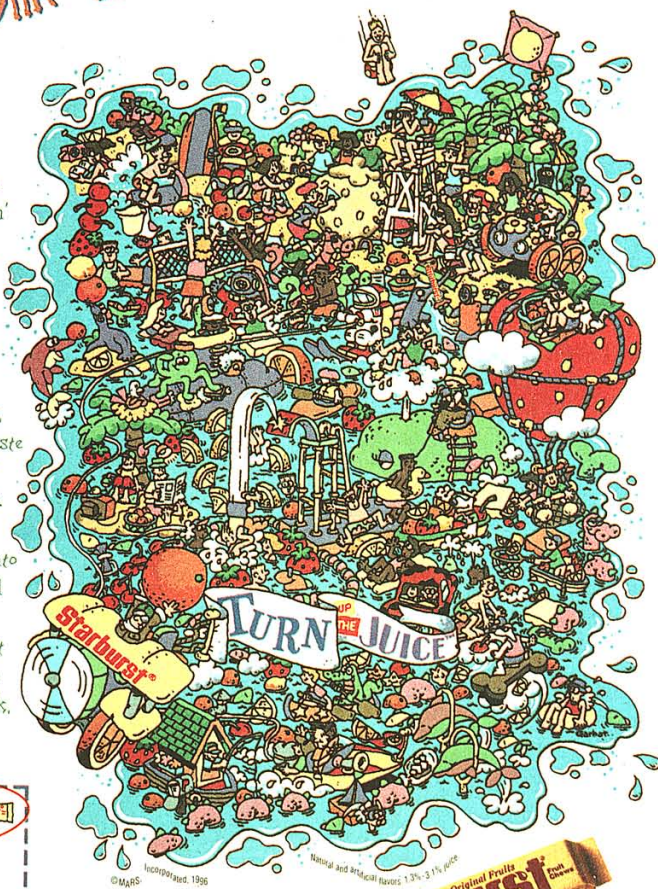
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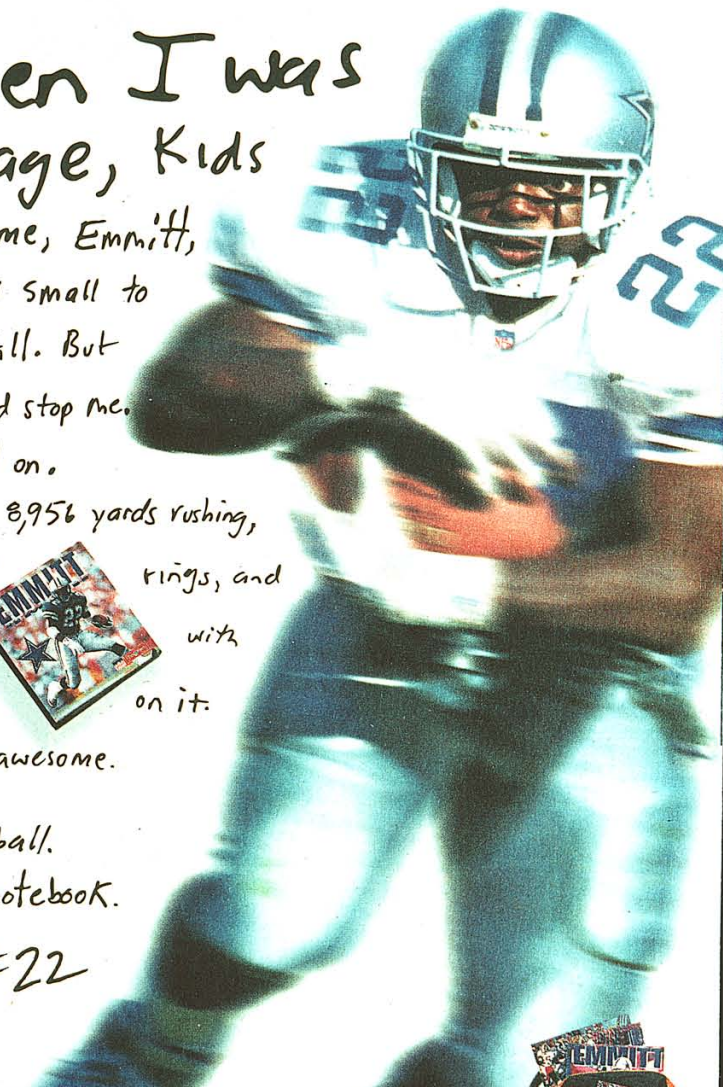
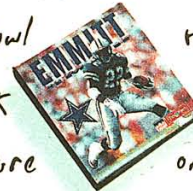
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"-- WHERE HE CANNOT EVEN SAVE HIMSELF!"

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THOUGH I STILL HAVE THE PARKER NAME, BEN REILLY IS NOW THE MAN WITH THE WEB.

SOMETIMES I'M MORE THAN A LITTLE JEALOUS...

... THAT'S WHEN I THINK OF MARY JANE, LITTLE MAY AND THE FUTURE WE'LL SOON BE BUILDING TOGETHER.

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BITE YOUR TONGUE!

YOU HAVE A VISITOR, SPIDER-MAN.

SOMEONE WHO ONCE RAN INTO YOU HERE AND HOPED SHE COULD REACH YOU.

SHE CALLS HERSELF **CHAKRA**!

THOUGH WE HAVE OPPOSED EACH OTHER IN THE PAST, I AM HERE ON THE BEHALF OF THE TRAVELLER...

HE IS IN GREAT DANGER!

WE TALKING ABOUT THE GUY WHO FLATTENS ARMIES WITH A GLANCE?

ANYBODY TOUGH ENOUGH TO SWEAT HIM IS WAY OUT OF MY LEAGUE.

THE POWER WHICH JUDAS WIELDS IS NOT ALL IT SEEMS.

DON'T WORRY, LADY. WE'LL HELP YOU.

WE --?!

I... Uh... GUESS I COULDN'T CONVINCE YOU TO INCLUDE A... PHOTOGRAPHER... ON THIS GIG.

NOT ONE WHO'S ABOUT TO BE A FATHER!

CAN'T BLAME ME FOR TRYING!

YOU SURE YOU GOT THE RIGHT ADDRESS?

THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN CLOSED FOR MONTHS.

TRUST ME! I AM CERTAIN THAT JUDAS IS NEAR.

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I'LL BE MUCH HELP. I'VE SEEN TRAVELLER EXHIBIT POWER ON A NEAR COSMIC LEVEL.

IT WAS AN ILLUSION! WHILE JUDAS DOES POSSESS LIMITED PSIONIC POWERS --

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I'VE OFTEN WONDERED HOW THAT JOKER FITS IN

-- AND THE INITIAL INDICATIONS OF HIS LATENT MUTANT SKILLS.

LET ME GUESS... SCRIER WAS A PATIENT.

NOT QUITE.

UNLIKE TRAVELLER, SCRIER IS FAR MORE THAN HE APPEARS!

DETAILS! I WANT DETAILS!

SCRIER POSSESSES AS MANY DIFFERENT AGENDAS AS HE DOES --

CHAKRA -- MOVE!

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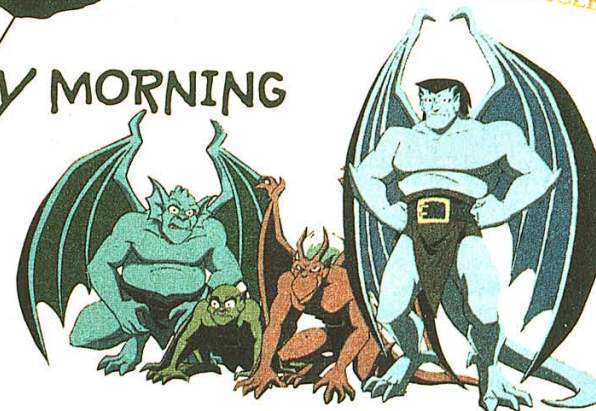
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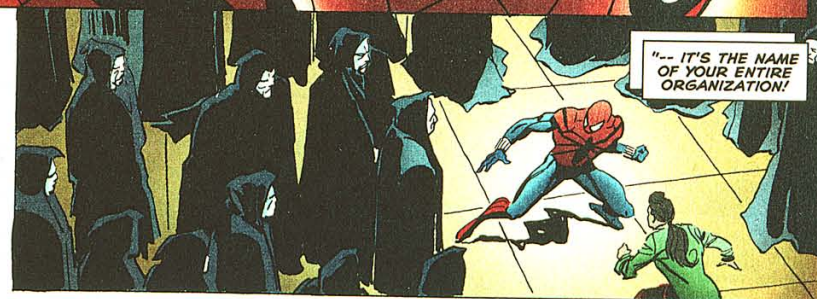
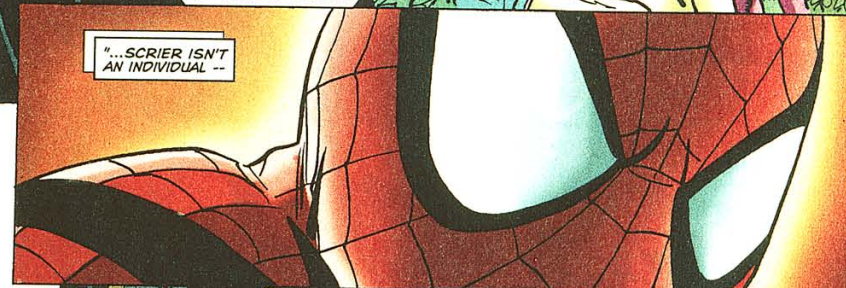
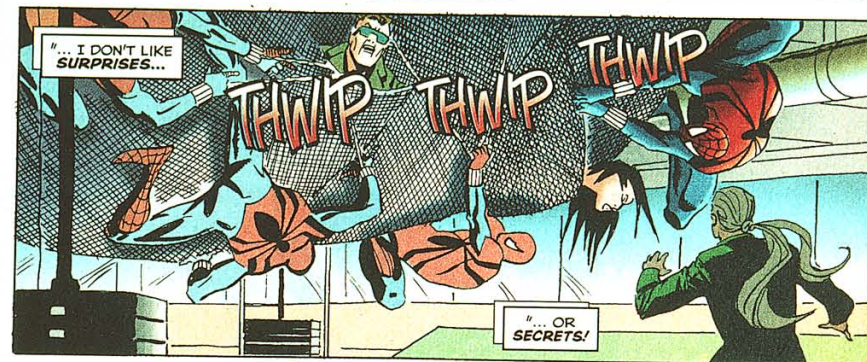
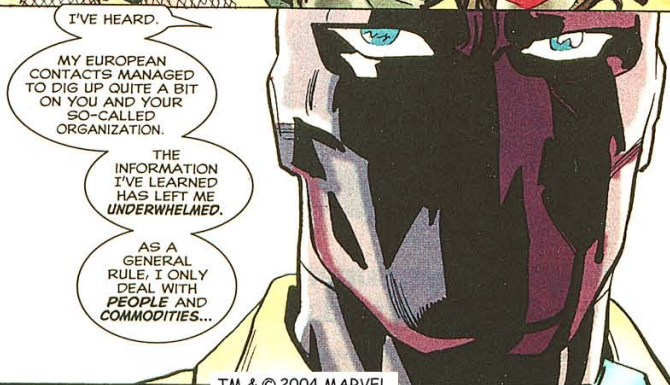
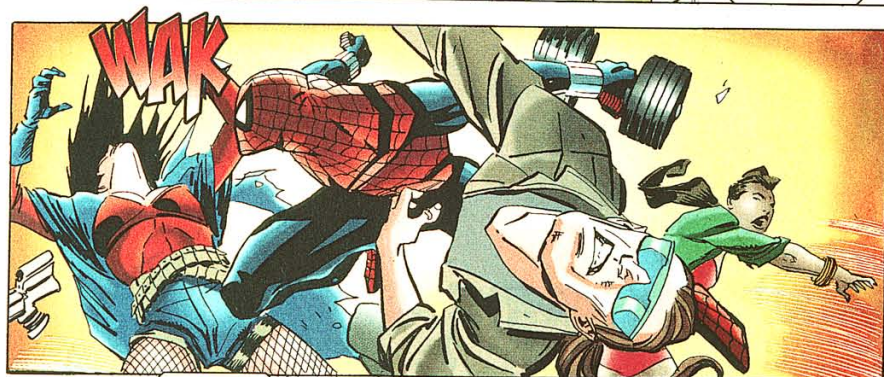
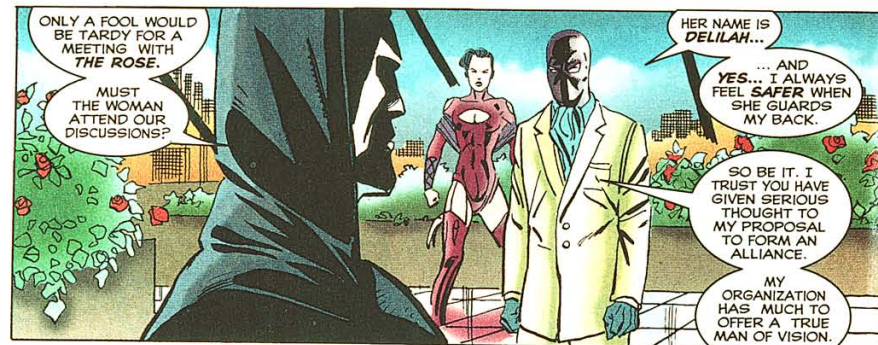
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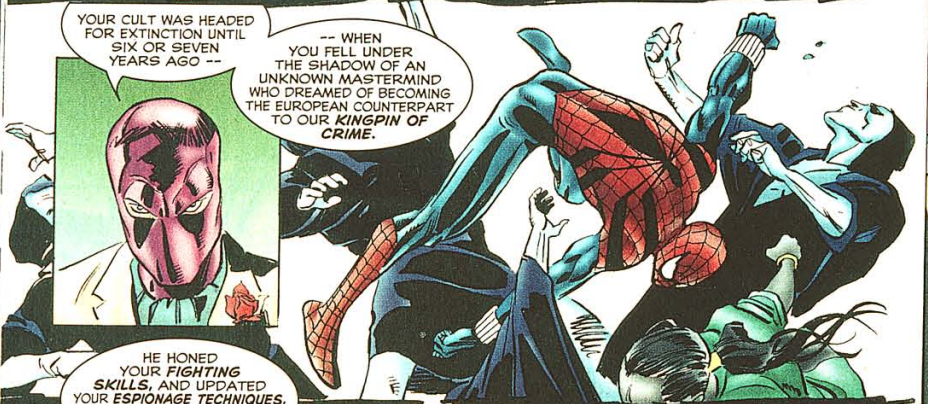
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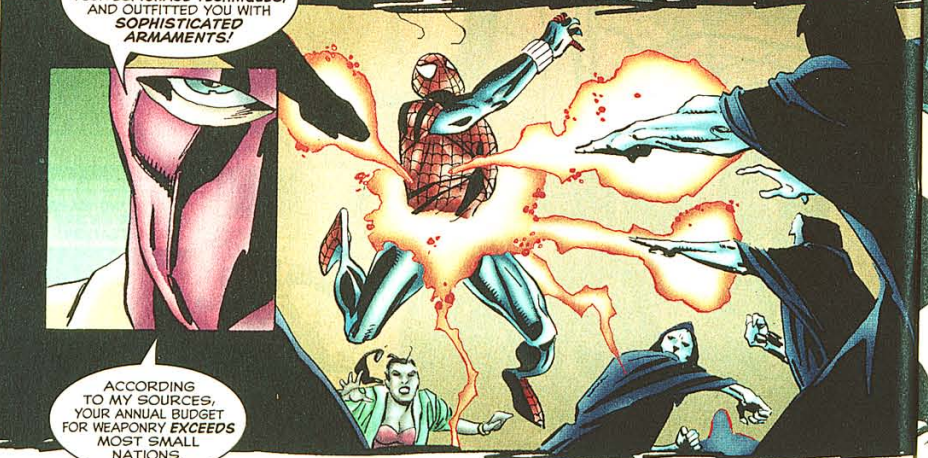
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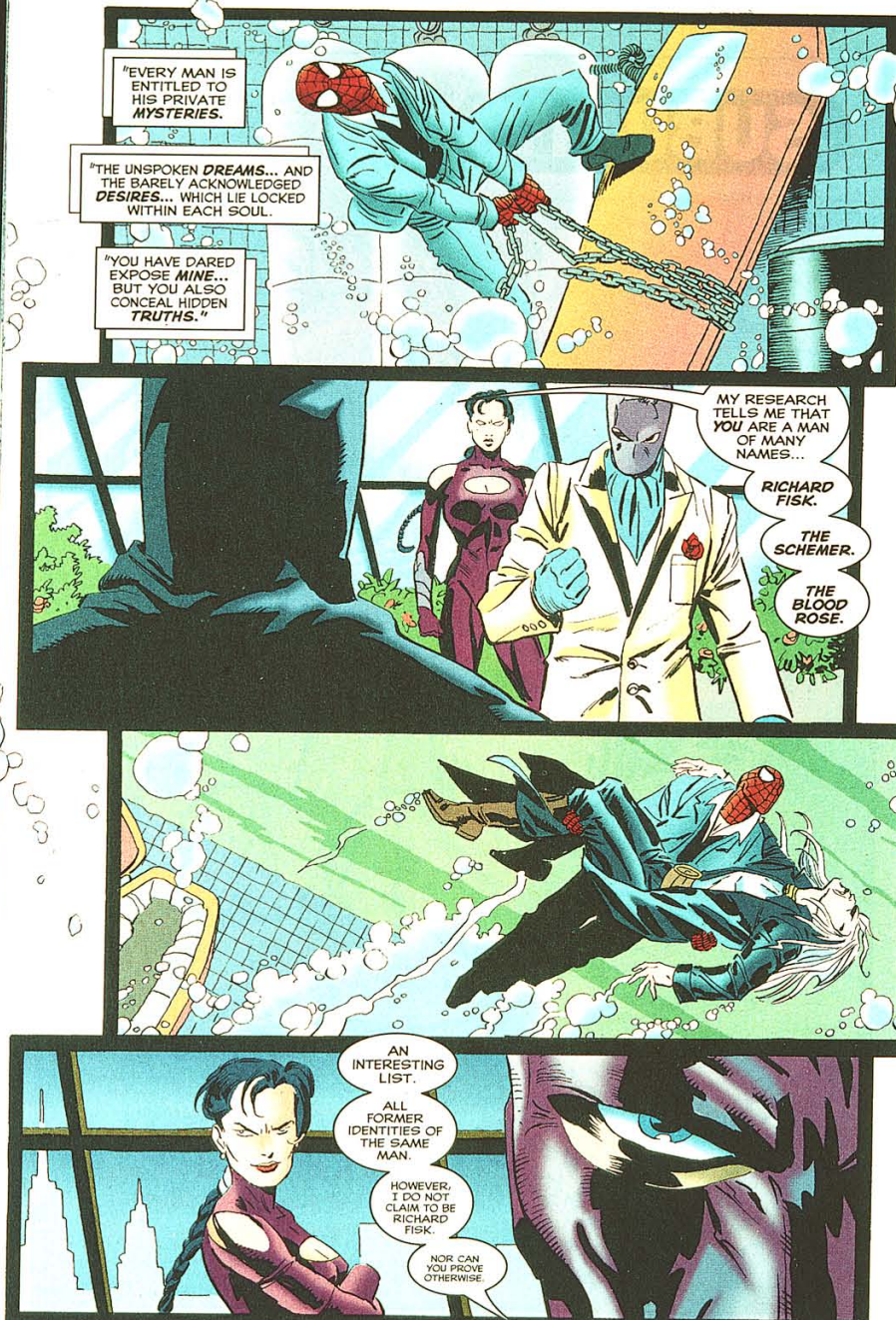
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JUDAS!

JUDAS!

I AM UNINJURED, MY LOVE...

... BUT WE DARE NOT TARRY HERE!

NOT SO FAST, PALLY. THE POLICE WILL NEED YOU GUYS.

I FEAR -- THAT IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE!

HEY! I THOUGHT YOUR POWERS WERE A SHAM --!

WE ONLY DISCUSSED THE TRAVELLER'S ABILITIES...

... NOT MINE!

BEWARE, SPIDER-MAN! BEWARE! THE MADMAN BEHIND SCRIER... THE MONSTER WHO PULLED MY STRINGS... HAS ALSO ORCHESTRATED AGAINST YOU!

YOU MUST BEWARE!

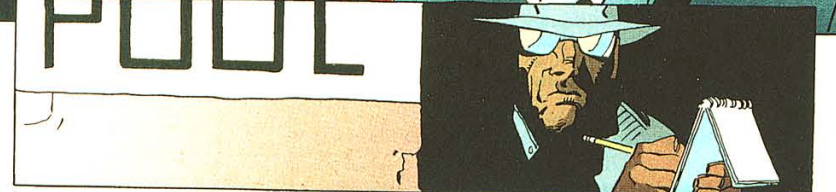
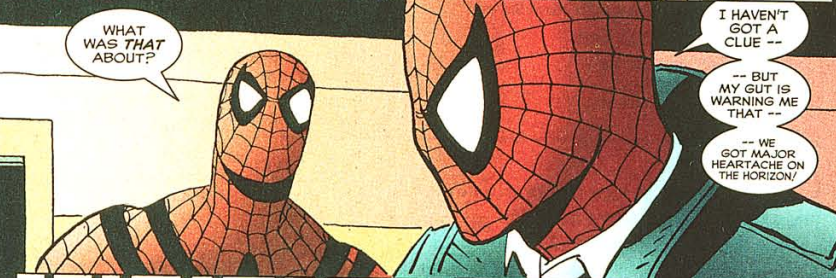


WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE --

-- BUT MY GUT IS WARNING ME THAT --

-- WE GOT MAJOR HEARTACHE ON THE HORIZON!



THE ROSE DECLINED OUR INVITATION?

HE WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH, AS HE PHRASED IT, "A FACELESS UNDERLING."

HOWEVER, HE DID REQUEST A MEETING WITH THE MASTER.

OUT OF THE QUESTION!

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO REPORT, NACHT?

THINGS DID NOT GO AS PLANNED.

TRAVELLER AND CHAKRA ESCAPED.

BOONE, MEDEA AND THE REMAINING SCRIERS ARE NOW IN POLICE CUSTODY.

DO NOT BE OVERLY CONCERNED WITH THESE MINOR ANNOYANCES, GAUNT.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF SCRIER WILL RISE AGAIN, AND CONTINUE TO SERVE THE MASTER.

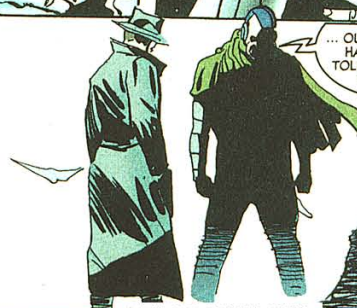
PERHAPS, IT WILL...

... YOU, HOWEVER, WILL NOT.

AS I OFTEN TOLD YOU...

... OUR EMPLOYER HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FAILURE.

Next Month:
AT LONG LAST -- GAUNT'S MYSTERIOUS EMPLOYER IS REVEALED... AS PETER AND MARY JANE FACE THEIR GREATEST CRISIS!



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Dear Spider-Man,
"Bug Story" in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #413 was a superior return to the days of yore. Remember when some tales could actually be told in a single issue? I'm not complaining about the long-unfolding epics the Spider-titles have been inundated with of late; far from it, in fact. These stories have been entertaining, shocking, and suspenseful. However, sometimes a break from all the seriousness is needed, most especially in the Spider-Man books. Issues such as ASM #413 better encapsulate the true spirit of Spider-Man: light-hearted high adventure, a pinch of danger and two spoonfuls of humor. This issue hardly found room for the soap operatic "cherry on top!" It will be fun to read more self-contained storylines in the Spidey books, but I'm still hoping for a feeling of great continuity between the various titles. (And bring back Stunner!)

The toys in this issue were a veritable blast to behold. It was a joy to watch Spidey do battle with the many figures he has no doubt encountered an innumerable amount of times in the millions of households that harbor youngsters with imagination. That's to say nothing of the pleasing challenge I faced in identifying Spidey's many assailants. (Bring back Stunner!)

One thing that sticks in my mind, though, was Armada's assertion that his robots are more than just robots, in fact, having individual characteristics. It may well be that he is a crackpot or needs to get out more... but what if he were right? Maybe he's actually capable of such an unfathomable undertaking. Granted, we have not been privy to any proof of sentence or the like from his gadgets; moreover, Armada hardly seems adequately skilled, yet perhaps he has a special talent? I can only but wonder how Reed Richards would have dealt with this situation. (Bring back Stunner!)

I've heard recently that Mark Bagley is not long for this title. If this is indeed the case, let me thank Bags for his lengthy devotion to this book, and for living up to the adjective in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! While his reported replacement is a fine artist himself, Steve Skroce has some big shoes to fill. Now where is Bags going, and who will take over X-Man? (Bring back Stunner!)

Lastly, I'd like to comment on the eventual resolution to the Clone Saga. Of course, the Jackal is not done yet. Whether he has managed to survive, or made as yet unrevealed plans prior to his demise, if there are still questions as to the clone's identity, I rather doubt the Jackal won't have a hand in the tale. I believe Peter's spiking head pains of late are due to either a Jackalback back-up plan, or are the early signs of Pete's powers returning. The fact that Pete has been appearing regularly in what is supposedly Ben's book, coupled with the

clone's identity once again being thrown into doubt, surely signals Peter's return as the one true Spider-Man, right? This development would surely relieve many longtime readers, but leaves us with the question of what to do with Ben Reilly? My unfortunate conclusion is that rather than opt to send him back out on the road, you may choose to resolve this story with true finality, by killing Ben! It would be a worthy conclusion to Marvel's own version of the Never-Ending Story, but it would be devastating to legions of fans.

Oh, and before I go, I must warn you that I have ingeniously supplied this missive with a subliminal message, forcing your unconscious thoughts to the fore to provide the return of one of my favorite characters to the Spidey fold. Sorry, but I had to do it.

Travis "Bring back Stunner!" MacKinnon
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Subliminal messages, Travis? Gee, we never even noticed. Stunner isn't on top in the next few months at least, but you can bet we'll get around to explaining her one of these fine issues.

And we think you'll find Mr. Skroce will fill Bags' shoes quite nicely, as did the immensely talented Ron Garney this issue and last. Let us know what you think!

As for killing Ben... c'mon! We love Ben! Haven't a lot of you come to love Ben, even if you don't think he should be in a Spidey union suit? We wouldn't be foolish enough to risk the wrath of a legion of fans yet again, would we??

Heh-heh. Keep reading...

NEXT ISSUE:

It's the penultimate chapter of "Revelations," the story that brings the entire clone saga to an unforgettable conclusion! Gaunt stands revealed, and he's now a walking arsenal! Can even the combined efforts of Ben and Peter stop his mission of vengeance? Meanwhile, Mary Jane is going into painful labor, without Peter by her side, and under the watchful eye of the mysterious mastermind behind Gaunt! It all comes together, complete with a last panel that will have all of fandom gasping! All this, and the spectacular debut of our new art team, Steve Skroce and Bud LaRosa! You must not miss this issue!

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WHAT'S SHOWN HERE

OPPOSITE OF SOUR

Find things that start and end with the same letter!

Hey, when you're finished with these puzzles, give your brain a break and have a

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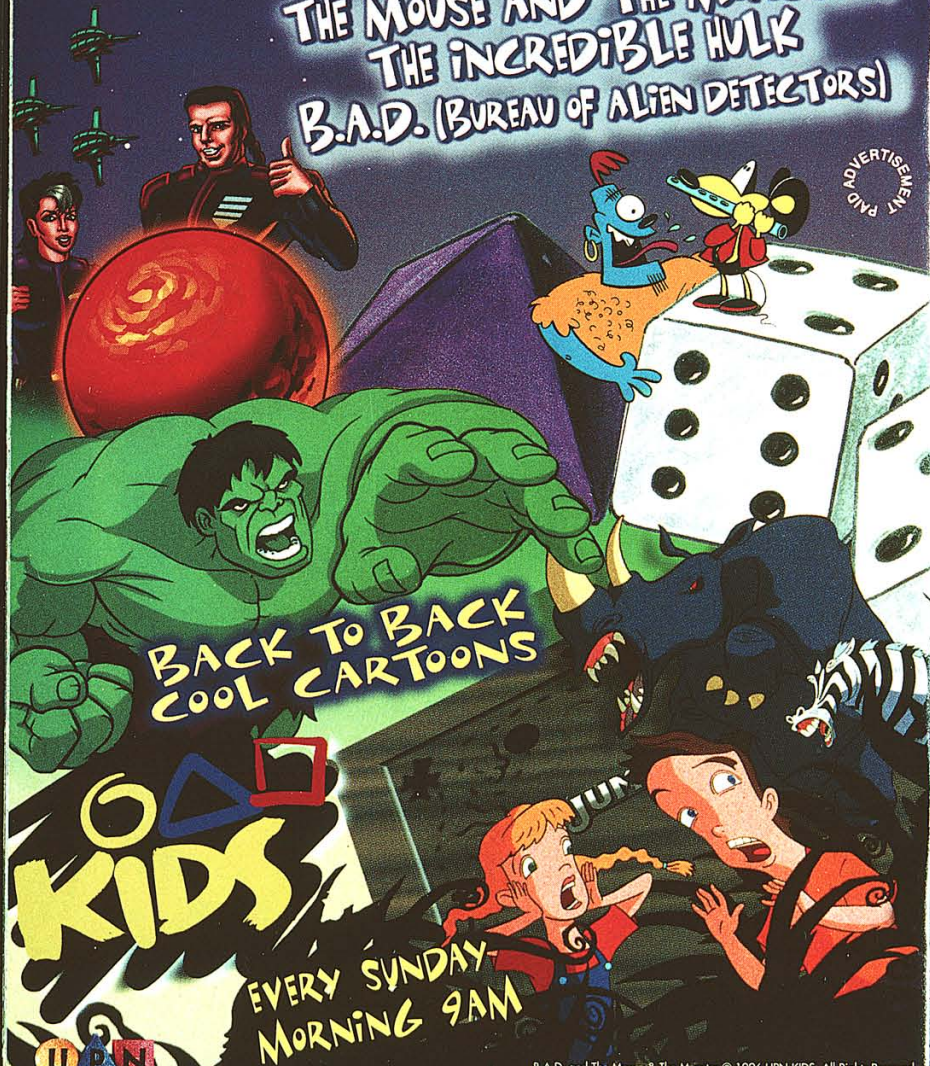
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